

Advisory housing task force approved

By RICHARD PRICE
Daily Staff Writer

An advisory task force to deal with student housing problems was approved by the San Luis Obispo City Council Tuesday night.

More than 100 cheering spectators, many of them students, jammed the council chambers to witness the latest episode in the controversy surrounding the more-than-three-soning ordinance.

The task force, outlined in a proposal made by Councilman Jeff Jorgensen, will investigate and analyze various means to alleviate the student housing "crisis."

Although there were several disputes during the meeting about membership on the task force, it is designed to bring together spokespersons from a wide range of community and student interests.

The task force will consist of 11 members, including one representative each from the Associated Students, Inc. of both Cal Poly and Cuesta

College, the university administration and Cal Poly's Off-Campus Housing Office.

On the recommendation of Councilman Alan Settle, two last minute additions were made to the task force membership, an expert on housing finance and an expert on property management.

A mixture of representatives from the community and city government make up the rest of the task force.

As finally approved, the

task force will be responsible for its own rules and organization and will report to the City Council and the university at least every three months.

Councilmen Jorgensen, Ron Dunin and Settle all approved the task force proposal. Councilman Steve Petterson, noting that the scope of the committee was too broad to accomplish anything, voted against it. Mayor Kenneth Schwartz was absent.

Marked by frequent

outbursts of applause, cheering and laughter, from the audience, the meeting climaxed weeks of growing student concern about the City Council's decision last month to enforce the soning ordinance making it illegal for more than three students to live in the same house.

But Brian Kohls, President of Cal Poly's Political Action Club, told the council that the soning ordinance is only one of the housing problems students face.

Kohls, expressing regret that Jorgensen's task force proposal focused only on student housing problems, said housing is really a problem for everyone in San Luis Obispo.

University President Dr. Robert Kennedy told the council he appreciated the idea of the proposal and considered it of great value to the university, to the students and to the city.

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CUESTA COLLEGE art instructor Bob Pelfrey at Thomas had a .357 magnum and fired several shots at (Photo by Bill Faulkner, courtesy of Central Coast Sun-Bulletin)

Woman with gun at Cuesta arrested

Compiled by Tony Tranle, Bill Morem and Richard Price, Daily staff writers.

A gun waving young woman was taken into custody yesterday after shooting at a Cuesta College security officer, said Lori Judson, information director at Cuesta.

According to sources, Patricia Jean Thomas, 24, a fourth semester art student at the college, had been

sitting in the school's library most of the afternoon. At 1:20 p.m., she pulled a .357 magnum gun from a bag and ordered everyone to leave.

Evelyn Baxley, an employee in Cuesta's library said Thomas was standing behind a bookrack when she fired her first shot into the floor. Baxley was not sure if Thomas was shooting at a student or not. Baxley said Thomas was wide-eyed and shouting incoherently.

According to Edna Eddy, a library employee, 18 students came running into the technical services office at the rear of the library, screaming that someone was shooting. Eddy said she tried to lock the door, but discovered the door locked only from the outside. Thomas allegedly tried to open the door but was thwarted by several students holding it from the inside, said Eddy.

According to Judson, Chief

of Security Glover Miller then approached Thomas, identifying himself. Thomas fired at him, but Miller was unhurt when the bullet was deflected by a pillar.

"I should have shot her, but I wouldn't want to shoot her," said a shaken Miller after the incident. Miller has been chief of security since Cuesta opened in 1965.

Thomas then fled from the library at about 1:45, said Judson. She worked her way

to the parking lot adjacent to the music building, and commandeered a beige Volkswagen van.

According to observers, Thomas ordered David Baumgarten, a noted folk singer, and his passenger Sheri Kelly, out of the van. Baumgarten was at Cuesta for a series of concerts.

While Bob Pelfrey, Cuesta art instructor talked to

Thomas, the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department dismantled the van's engine.

Thomas surrendered to Sheriff's deputies at 4:40, and was booked into the county jail on charges of assault with intent to commit murder.

No motive was given for Thomas' behavior, but the Sheriff's Department will continue investigating.

EDITORIAL/OPINION

Spare the redwoods

Last week, the United States Senate passed a bill which would add 48,000 acres to Redwoods National Park near Eureka. A similar bill is up for consideration this week in the House.

It must be passed.

The redwood trees present nature at its fullest and are part of America's "natural heritage," as California Sen. Alan Cranston said during debate on the bill.

Anyone who has visited the park, or even seen pictures of it, must stand in awe at the tremendous beauty of the trees and the mighty power they possess. Few sights are more inspiring.

Yet many of these trees are in imminent danger of being cut down by timber companies who have repeatedly ignored requests to halt their practices pending a decision on the area's future.

Such callous disregard for the environment is in itself a persuasive enough argument for expansion.

But there are others.

If the park is not expanded, many of the world's tallest trees will be lost forever. As it stands now, future generations are already being shortchanged of areas where they can go to enjoy nature in its primitive state.

We must save the redwoods as our descendants also will be able to experience them.

As for arguments that expansion will wreak economic havoc in the area, both bills address the question directly.

The Senate bill orders the National Park Service to offer preferential hiring to any workers who lose their jobs due to expansion. The House bill includes many of the same provisions.

In arguing against expansion, Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Calif.) said the park was one of the six least visited parks in the nation.

Such a stand reflects much of the thinking in this country that equates importance with numbers. Even if Redwoods National Park were the least visited park in the nation, the expansion should still go through.

For the redwoods are as much a part of America as Yosemite and Yellowstone, maybe even more so in a way.

At one time in this country's past, there were 2 million acres of virgin redwoods. That number has now been reduced 270,000 acres.

It is plain to see a remnant of our past must be saved. The Senate and House bills both offer fair and generous approaches to expansion. Only ignorance will defeat them.

Let's hope this does not happen, for our good and for those to come.

Author Randy Nord is a senior journalism major

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Frustration and helplessness set in

My Dear Friend,
Received your letter today and want you to know my heart is with you. I too have felt the frustration and helplessness at the endurance race they call college. I echo you.

It's been over 5 years since we left high school and embarked on what we thought would be a great journey. We were told college would be the most wonderful adventure and time in our lives. That it would be a period of great mental stimulation where we would be exposed to fabulous thoughts and marvelous deeds.

But they lied to us, didn't they. Or, at the very least, we were given some awfully bad information. Somehow though, we've been cheated, that I feel certain.

You say you feel a great resentment toward how you've spent the last 5 years. I suppose too, that at times this resentment has given way to bitterness. It has for me.

How many times have you sat in a classroom hour after hour, day after day, and realized you hadn't learned a damn thing? It's not that you didn't want to "learn" something, is it, but rather that you hadn't been "taught" anything.

Oh, sure, I realize it's a two-way street. That we, the students, have to put out an effort to get something back from the other side, the teachers. But, often, too often, they're not putting out anything on their own.

They show up every day, all right. But then what do they give us? Nothing but a

50-minute lecture. Don't they realize they're in the communication business. That the only way to get across their ideas—if, in fact, they have any, and not just mindless, endless facts—is to do it with enthusiasm and motivation.

Their halfhearted approach to teaching, to getting across ideas, causes, no forces us, to become lackadaisical in our own attitude towards learning.

Instead of having our minds reaching out for information, we find them only

wanting to hide in the comfort that another few minutes, another few days, it will all be over. At least until tomorrow and the next class.

I agree with you there are too many teachers who have no business being in a college or anywhere else. It's such an important job, and they're making such a mockery of it.

It's sad we have to feel this way. About the only comforting thoughts we have are that it will soon be over and of the few truly

good teachers who made it bearable. They were too few and too far apart to have much effect on what we'll remember in college.

Here's to June and graduation, my friend. Don't let 'em bury you.

Author Gary Kaplan is a senior journalism major who writes a weekly column for the Daily

OUR READERS WRITE...

EDITOR:

In response to Mr. Sherman's article in Tuesday's paper (Feb. 7), I can only say that I too am a man of reason. I am a senior in computer science, a field directly related to "reasoning."

You are correct with your definition of thunder being a direct result of lightning, but I fail to see a comparison between Santa Claus and who I believe created the universe. That's correct...I am a Christian.

Like most people I too have wondered about the beginning of time, and how we all evolved. But I don't know, and I admit it. I've heard many theories about the origin of the Earth, but every one I've heard stems from some physical entity.

My only question is the one I can't logically answer—where did that initial entity come from? Thin air? Air had not been created yet.

All I really want to say is that I don't believe God is a fantasy. Maybe reason is your god, but my God has given reason to me. Do you realize that?

Paul R. Lear

EDITOR:

In Tuesday's paper there was an article by an atheist defending his position of atheism.

He can deny God and be an atheist if he

so chooses. God gave us all the right to accept him or reject him as we choose, but the reason the writer gave for being a Christian, or believing in God are all together wrong.

All that shows is how little he knows about the subject.

I did not become a Christian simply because I was looking for the answer to the question of where we came from as he seems to assume.

It has never been an issue to me, and personally, I don't see it makes much difference.

His apparent assumption that God is nothing more than an impersonal myth is wrong also. God is neither a myth, nor is he impersonal. I feel his companionship as I go through each day.

Being a Christian is not adopting a convenient crutch to lean on when you can't handle things alone, it's a day to day working relationship that takes the same time, energy and commitment as any other relationship; because that's what it is—a relationship with God.

I can not convince you or anyone else of the existence of God in a letter, only God can do that. I do have a challenge for you though, test your atheism as it has been asked of the Christians to test their faith.

Put your beliefs on the line, and ask God to show you if he is real or not. Read the story of his life in the bible.

A good place to start is the book of John in the New Testament. If you look at it openly and honestly and still find nothing, then you've lost nothing and you've proven your point even more.

If you were wrong, and there is a God, who did create us and did send his son to save us, then you've gained a personal friend, savior and Lord you'll never regret finding.

If you don't want to look into the bible at all, then you're being as close minded as you accuse the Christians of being.

Look at yourself carefully, you may be the reason you won't read what God has to say is because you're afraid you might find something...

Carole

EDITOR:

According to John Sherman's article, the true reason will lead one to a belief in atheism and that anyone who believes in God has cast reason out the window. I believe reason shows there is a God. An example of this is the origin of life. At some point in history inorganic matter became life.

Until Pasteur's time, there was a general belief in spontaneous generation (the creation of life from non-life). Pasteur's experiments have shown this to be false, and thus it has become an accepted doctrine that life never arose except from life.

So far, as actual evidence goes, this is still the only possible conclusion. But this conclusion points to a supernatural creative act, it is a conclusion which men find very difficult to accept.

Most scientific men prefer to believe that life arose in some way not yet understood from inorganic matter. This is a good example of how believing there could be a supernatural creative act or that there is no God is in reality an act of Unbelief. Unbelief is remarkable when it is admitted that the evidence, by which it is guided in science, points to a supernatural creation.

I too advocate a return to reason. I challenge anyone who believes there is no God to read Paul Little's book "Know You Believe," which I have quoted in a letter, and to honestly ask the question "Why?" with reason.

Michael

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Archie 5-year BA degree phased out

By SCOTT CRAVEN

Daily Staff Writer
When the Cal Poly architecture faculty decided to phase out its five-year bachelor degree program six years ago, reaction was mixed, said Dean George Hasslein of the School of Architecture and Environmental Design.

Now that the phase-out is virtually completed, students seem to be getting along well with the four-year program, although there is still some dissent. The dissent lingers because of loss of accreditation.

Instead of the accredited five-year program, a six-year Master's degree program was instituted as was a four-year bachelor's degree program. The master's program is accredited; the bachelor's is not.

"When we stopped the five-year program, reactions were mixed," said Hasslein. "A lot of students didn't like it, but that's a natural action against a big change."

A senior architecture student agrees with the change. "I think it's a good idea," said Charles Hilgel, president of Poly's chapter of AIA, a club for architecture students. "I just want to get out of school. I really don't care about no accreditation."

Accreditation does not mean approval, said Hasslein. It only means that students who have passed through an accredited program will receive a greater amount of years toward their state architecture license than students who have gone through a non-accredited program.

Eight years of experience is required for a California state license, said Hasslein. The number of years needed varies from state to state. Poly students going through the four-year program receive three years toward their license. If they

were going through a five-year accredited program, they would receive five years toward a license. The accredited master's degree entitles the student to five and a half years, said Hasslein.

The reason for the change was the 1969 Anderson report, said Hasslein. The report recommended that professional programs in environmental design extend into graduate school to meet professional standards, provide general education and to permit interprofessional study and research.

James Birney, president of Poly's American Institute of Architects chapter, does not agree with the change.

"Loss of accreditation is the big thing," said Birney, a senior architecture student. "And when they switched to the four-year program, they dropped some important classes that I think students need to take."

"The faculty also tried to compact five years of learning into four. I think they changed the program so they could get more students into the program. I believe the administration would like to go back to the five-year, but there's just too much red tape."

The master's program has not yet caught on, said Hasslein. He estimated the number of students in their last year of the five-year program is approximately 100 while the enrollment in the six-year program is approximately 10.

"I'm disappointed in the enrollment," said Hasslein of the six-year program.

The reason for the lack of students in the master's program is the difference in Poly's four-year degree and other degrees throughout the nation, said Hasslein.

"The students here learn all the skills they need for a job in four years," he said. "In other schools, students learn more liberal arts. Our masters may be too advanced for a lot of students."

One graduate student from Berkeley had to start his masters from our third-year level."

As for Poly students not continuing in the program, Hasslein said they are urged to change their learning environment after graduating. He said Poly students have all the necessary skills needed for a job after four years, so there is really no need for continuing.

Hasslein admits the four-year program is rigorous, and completing it in four years is difficult.

"We have one of the most difficult four-year programs in the nation, but that's why a lot of people want to get into it," said Hasslein. "We also have one of the highest standards of acceptance. We accept only those students who have completed the most preparatory work in high school or junior college needed for our program."

Hasslein estimates that 800 students are currently enrolled in the four-year program.

The last time the five-year program was offered was in 1971, said Hasslein. During the next five years the degree was phased out. Although the program has not been offered for six years, it didn't stop its accreditation listing in the catalog.


The 1975-77 catalog states, "The five-year curriculum leading to the Bachelor of Architecture degree in the School of Architecture and Environmental Design is fully accredited by the National Architecture Accrediting Board."

There is no listing of a five-year curriculum in the same catalog.

"We listed the accreditation for the use of future employers of our graduates," said Hasslein. "If a future employer wants to check if the program was accredited, he could look at the catalog and see."

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Financial aid

Beginning Friday, the Financial Aid Office will offer workshops to help people stretch their dollars. The first workshop will cover scholarships and will

include both general and application information.

Future topics to be covered include employment possibilities, budgeting basics and consumerism, financial aid application forms, and money for college.

Workshops will be held Fridays at 10 a.m. in Engineering East, room 128 and at 1 p.m. in Computer Science, room 252.

Folk singer

Musician-dramatist David Baumgarten will present a lecture entitled "Steinbeck Country" on Friday, Feb. 10

at Cuesta College. The show will begin at 7:30 in the college humanities forum. Tickets for the series are \$5.00 per event, or \$10.00 for a series ticket, available at the college community services office.

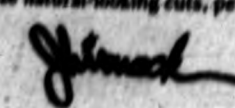
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Academic overloads studied

A committee to check academic overload violations by Cal Poly instructors has been established by the Academic Senate.

Chairman of the committee, math professor Stuart Goldenberg, said the purpose of the committee was to check rumors received by the senate that

certain departments and individuals have been teaching an excess of classes.

Goldenberg said the committee found that 15 weighted teaching units was the maximum load that should be allowed. The executive committee of the Academic Senate found that 12 weighted teaching units is

the limit, he said.

Goldenberg was asked if there was a number the faculty agreed upon. "If you put 10 professors in one room you would have 10 different answers," he said.

"There has been a resolution to send a letter to Pres. Kennedy referring to the problem," Goldenberg said. "There isn't much we can do." The committee needs additional funds to look into the matter in greater detail, he said.

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The annual event is sponsored by Los Lecheros. Rules and entry forms are available in Ag 121, or by calling 543-0572 or 543-9822.



A CHANGE OF REIGN took place 1977 Queen and Brekke, a junior last Tuesday night in Chumash home economics major from auditorium as Charlotte Brekke was named Queen of Poly Royal for 1978. She was sponsored by Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Above, are Lynn Newcombe, the

The trauma of adolescence

Loneliness in one heart can bring tears to the eyes of an entire audience.

"The Member of the

Wedding", opened at Allan Hancock College Tuesday night to a packed house and a standing ovation.

Review

by Virginia Saxe

The play takes place in a small town in the midst of World War II, but focuses on the pain and trauma in the life of a 12-year old.

Frankie Adams, an alienated tomboy played by Melinda Deane, captivates the audience with every appearance. As a towering pre-teen, Frankie decides to change her image and act like a woman.

Her appearance in a gaudy orange formal and bobby socks brings disapproval from the maid, played by Johanna Jackson.

"I'm not accustomed to seeing a human Christmas tree in August!" the maid says laughingly.

Motherless and friendless, Frankie desperately longs to fit in and feel wanted. Her plight is felt by the audience who sympathize with her.

"I wish I were someone else but me," Frankie confides in Bernice the maid.

Johanna Jackson is warm and earthy in her role of Bernice Sadie Brown. Bernice is Frankie's surrogate mother and gives Frankie the advice she is desperately needs.

"Start a club of your own then be president yourself," she tells her.

Laird Williamson's direction of Carson McCullers' play, captures even unwritten words.

The Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts at Hancock College will continue their performance of "The Member of the Wedding" through Feb. 19.

The play is staged in PCPA's Interim Theater in Santa Maria. For ticket information contact the box office at 922-8313.

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Budget approval takes time

By SCOTT CRAVEN
Daily Staff Writer

The approval of the final CSUC budget is a lengthy and time-consuming process. There are many changes made from the time universities submit their budget to the final approval.

At Cal Poly, administrators begin work on the budget a year and a half before it will be approved. Poly budget officials started working on the 1978-79 budget in January. From now until August is the busiest part of the year for those involved in figuring out the budget, said Frank Lebens, Poly budget officer. Lebens and his staff gather the information

needed to submit to the Board of Trustees. They must also submit a priority list of all program change proposals they would like to have funded.

While Poly is working on its budget, the trustees are working on base price increases.

Poly's budget, as well as the other CSUC university budgets, go to the Board of Trustees in August. The board compiles them in late September and early October.

The trustees present a budget proposal to the governor. The board usually asks for more than it knows it can receive, said Lebens.

The governor looks over the board's request and figures out the state budget. The governor should have his budget proposal ready for the legislature by January.

The two houses look over the proposal separately, and each house may pass a different version of the budget, said Lebens.

"Most of the time the houses don't pass the same version of the budget," he said.

A joint committee is formed from the two houses to iron out the differences and then resubmits it for passage.

The legislature is supposed to have it on the

governor's desk for his approval by June 15. That deadline is missed regularly, said Lebens.

Once the governor has it back on his desk, he can blue-line, or veto, any selected items of the budget. The legislature can override the veto with a majority two-thirds vote. A veto is rarely overridden, said Lebens.

After the budget is submitted to the governor, it is up to him to give the final approval by June 30.

The difference between the Board of Trustees' proposal back in September and what is actually appropriated is millions of dollars apart, according to statistics. Ever since 1967,

the trustees have never received as much as they had requested.

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Man arrested in Hillside case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles police said Wednesday they have arrested a man in connection with the Hillside strangler case.

Police said the name of the man was Ned York, but released no other details. They refused to say what, if any, charges were involved.

Police say the strangler has been responsible for a dozen killings, all of them involving young women who were strangled since last September.

Schoolroom carols restricted

SACRAMENTO (AP)—The use of Christmas carols in public schools is to be restricted, beginning with the 1980-81 school year under guidelines proposed by court decisions and complaints, a committee of the state Board of Education said today.

A Department of Education staff member said Tuesday that Christmas carols won't be banned. But they would be limited to "valid educational purposes."

Nuclear export controls near

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate and House agree almost unanimously that the United States should try to limit the spread of atomic weapons by putting tighter controls on nuclear exports.

By an 88-3 vote Tuesday, the Senate approved a non-proliferation bill similar in practically all major areas to a measure adopted on a 411-0 vote in the House last year.

Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, floor manager of the Senate legislation, said he foresees little difficulty in reaching an agreement when Senate and House negotiators meet in conference. The bill has been on Capitol Hill for more than two years.

Begin: no arms sales to Egypt

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP)—Prime Minister Menachem Begin said today that any sale of U.S. arms to Egypt would be a "very negative development in the Middle East peace process."

At a news conference, Begin also said he hoped the Israeli-Egyptian political committee talks would resume in the "not too distant future."

Begin also reaffirmed his opposition to the creation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank, claiming this would create a "mortal danger for Israel because they, the Palestinians, have been our most implacable enemies since the Nazis."

He gave no hint of any modification of his position as won't be banned. But they won't settlements in the occupied Arab territories which Egyptian President Anwar Sadat insists must disappear if peace is to come to the Middle East. All he would say was that "we do have an exchange of views with the U.S. on this."

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Grapplers face Bulldogs

Cal Poly has been taking it on the chin from Fresno State University this season. The Bulldogs ravaged the Mustangs in football 35-3 and again shut them down in basketball 68-46. Fresno twice beat out the Mustangs in cross country and won the only soccer meeting between the two schools 3-2.

Poly did manage a 20-25 tie with the Bulldogs in swimming, that is the most positive showing of the year for the Mustangs, at least,

score-wise.

That will, probably, all change tonight when the Bulldogs invade the Main Gym for a 7:30 p.m. wrestling confrontation.

Fresno won the initial match of the series 13-11 back in the 1961-62 season but since then Poly has run off the next 14 matches for a 14-1 edge.

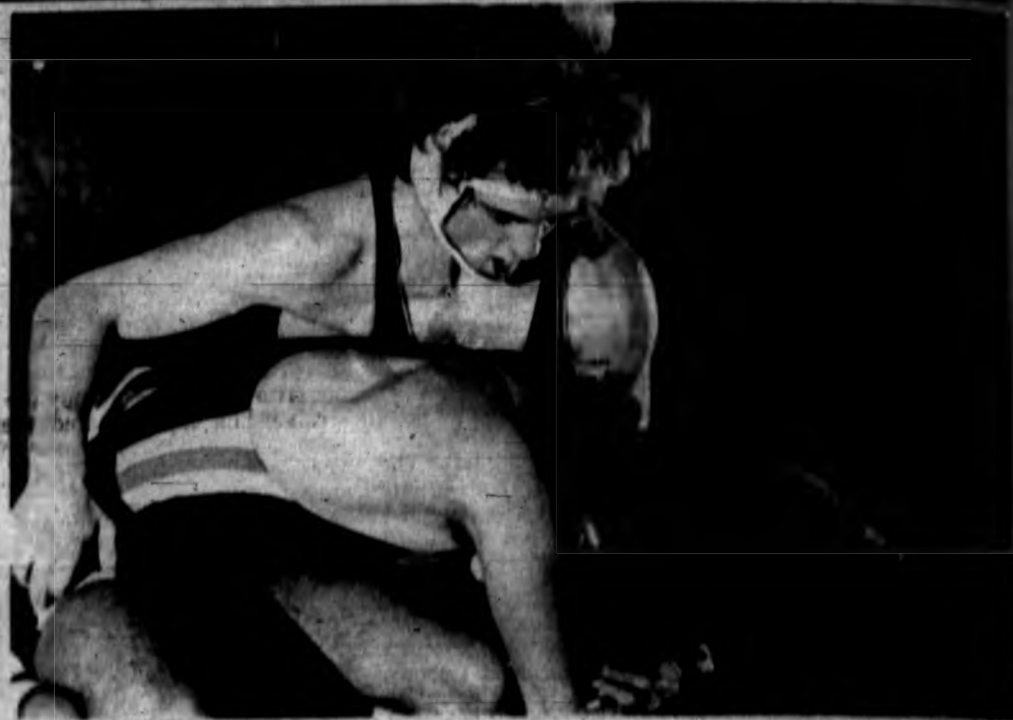
Last season the Mustangs whipped the Bulldogs 20-4.

Poly coach Vaughan Hitchcock could undoubtedly rest some of his top people and still win the match but he won't. Fresno will be one of the teams competing in the Western Regional tournament in early March. Results of tonight's individual matches will influence seeding for that tournament. The regional journey is especially important to the Mustangs in the fact that it is the corridor to the national tournament. Coach Dick Francis' squad

is 4-11 but recently notched an upset win over a pretty fair Nevada-Las Vegas squad.

The Mustangs will be trying to pick up the pieces following a 31-7 shellacking at the hands of Oregon State last Saturday. Prior to that Poly had been one of the hottest teams in the nation, winning 10 straight matches.

MAT NOTES—Eugene Wais is ranked sixth nationally in his weight according to the Top-60 ratings of National Mat News. His brother Eric, a member of the Oklahoma State Cowboys squad, is ranked in the top three of the 190-pound weight. Hitchcock, Robert Kiddy, 156, and Scott Heston, 167, all made the honorable mention list for Poly. Cal State Bakersfield's John Asavado, 118, and Frank Afentranger, 134, still head up their respective weights.



TOUGH TWO—Poly 118-pounder Gary Fischer uses a crossface to score against a Fullerton opponent.

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Poly crucial matches

Defending California Collegiate Athletic Association basketball champion Mustangs meet the pretender to their crown head on Friday when Poly hosts Cal State Northridge. Game time is 8 p.m.

Friday is student night with all Cal Poly students admitted free upon presentation of student body I.D. card.

On Saturday night the Mustangs are host to U.C. Riverside in an 8 p.m. conference game. All card-carrying Cal Poly Alumni Association members and their families will be admitted free on presentation of a current membership card at the gate.

This weekend's games begin the second round of competition in the CCAA. The Mustangs along with Cal State Bakersfield and Cal Poly Pomona are all deadlocked for second place in the standings with 3-2 league marks. Cal State Northridge owns a 5-0 record in CCAA play and a 17-5 overall record. The

Matadors are clearly the team to beat for the league crown and a berth in the NCAA Div. II playoffs.

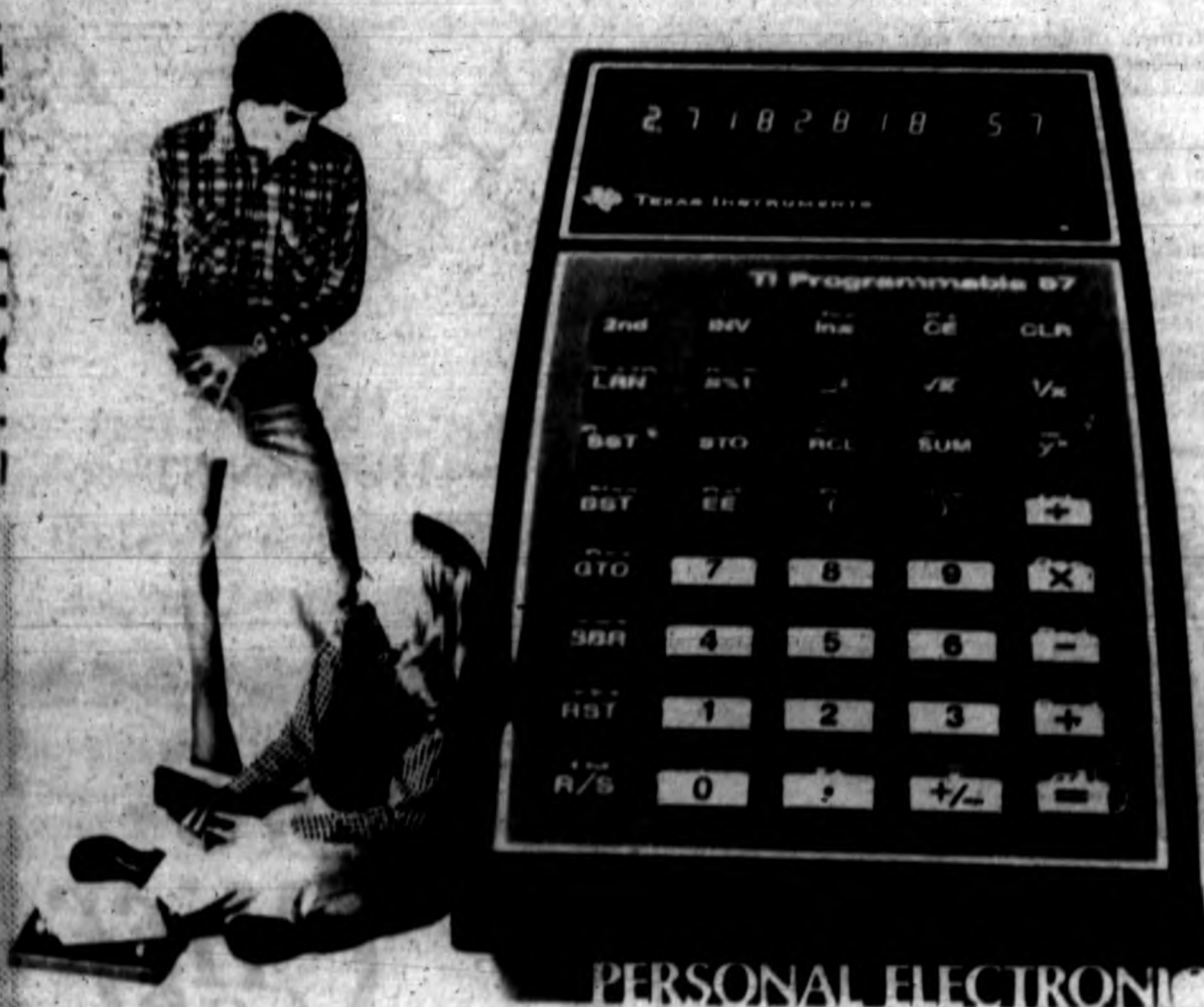
"If we don't beat Northridge this week, it's all over for us. It's the season for us. Somebody has got to beat Northridge if we want any chance of retaining the title and it may as well start with us," said Coach Ernie Wheeler.

The Poly coach calls this the "most critical week of the season so far. Northridge is undefeated in league play and performing very well."

"Our problem in recent weeks is that we play in streaks. We cannot seem to maintain any intensity. When we have played well we have been impressive but our stretches of being outscored badly or blanked for five, six or seven minutes at a time have been too frequent," said Wheeler.

Poly's position was made shaky with the possible loss of No. 3 guard Bob Nicholson. He was injured Saturday in the Dominguez Hills game and has a fracture of the lower leg. His status was in doubt at mid week. Starters Penfold, Evans and Bastone as well as reserves Dave McCracken, Bill Toa and Bob Wraga all had the flu on Tuesday.

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News from F.A.N.S.

Salvation for fans—Ralph Nader

Sports fans view games with anything from mild enjoyment to outright love. They've been notoriously tolerant of the abuses that go along with being a fan—unreasonable ticket prices, poor quality of food service, lack of available seats on a per game basis—precisely because of those good feelings.

Besides, fans had no place to voice their grievances. No "union" to represent them. Now they do.

It's a consumer organization called F.A.N.S. That's an acronym for Fight to Advance the Nation's Sports.

Began last year with \$10,000 in seed money from a pretty good "player" named Ralph Nader, the fledgling organization is taking dead aim at sports hierarchy.

It's "quarterback" is a former Wisconsin legislative aide and employee of Nader named Peter Gruenstein. A 30-year-old lawyer, he appears to mean business when he says that we're in the "stone age of consumerism in sports" and that F.A.N.S. is going to lead us out.

F.A.N.S. works like a fine investigative reporting operation. It chooses an issue of topical concern to sports fans, researches it thoroughly, and then publishes its findings in a monthly newsletter.

A recent project dealt with season tickets. F.A.N.S. staffers found that five NFL teams offered literally no tickets to anyone but season ticket buyers.

This method of disbursing tickets effectively shuts out many fans who cannot afford to buy an entire block of seats.

NBA ticket prices

If you go to professional basketball games there are no guarantees that you won't be paying high prices to see a team with one of the worst records.

The two teams with the highest average ticket prices in the NBA had a combined won-lost record of 62-102 last season.

The New York Knicks, who refused to provide F.A.N.S. with ticket price information, 1977 average ticket price was approximately \$9.12. The New Jersey Nets charged an average of \$8.58.

The median average ticket price among the NBA teams responding to a survey by F.A.N.S. is \$6.76.

The Knicks' average ticket price is higher than the average ticket price of 11 NFL teams; the Nets' is higher than six NFL teams.

F.A.N.S. reported last month that the average NFL ticket price is \$9.67.

Along with the Knicks, four other NBA teams—the Los Angeles Lakers, the Portland Trail Blazers, the Chicago Bulls and the Milwaukee Bucks refused to give ticket information to F.A.N.S.

All teams were asked to provide the prices and number of seats sold in each price category so that a "weighted" average ticket price could be calculated. An average price has been figured for the teams which did not cooperate by computing a simple average from the listed ticket prices.

In addition to having the

highest average ticket price, the Knicks sell the top single seat in the NBA—\$12.00. The Cavaliers and the Golden State Warriors sell a small number of seats at more than \$12.00, but not enough to be representative.

The New Orleans Jazz sell both the lowest average seat and the lowest top seat in the league—\$4.63 and \$7.50 respectively.

Even though the San Antonio Spurs play in the second smallest arena in the league, the HemisFair Arena, which only holds 10,446, the Spurs have the second lowest average ticket in the NBA.

The Seattle Supersonics appear to lead the league in the largest number of ticket discounts offered. Anyone under 18 can attend any Supersonics game and sit in any seat for half price.

The stadiums, in essence, become exclusive clubs for the rich.

Another issue "tackled" by F.A.N.S. is ticket prices. Gruenstein claims that team owners reward fan loyalty by gouging them.

Gruenstein doesn't buy the reasoning of team owners who raise ticket prices and then put the blame on soaring operating costs. He cites a 1974 study by the Brookings Institution, an independent research organization in Washington.

"It found what you'd expect to find in an unregulated industry," Gruenstein said in a Milwaukee Journal interview. "Because there is no competitive reason to keep them down, prices are based on what the economists call profit maximization—that is, the owners charge what the market will bear."

Top NBA ticket prices

TEAM	AVG. TICKET
New Jersey Nets	\$8.58
Denver Nuggets	7.67
Washington Bullets	7.15
Golden State Warriors	7.14
Seattle Supersonics	7.04
Philadelphia 76'ers	7.02
Buffalo Braves	6.92
Phoenix Suns	6.78
Kansas City Kings	6.76
Cleveland Cavaliers	6.35

RECORD (76-77)	TOP TICKET
22-60	\$10.00
40-33	10.00
46-34	9.00
46-36	8.00
40-42	9.00
50-32	9.00
30-52	9.00
34-48	8.00
40-42	8.46
43-39	8.50

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On Sundays, women may buy any seat at half price. There are also half-price nights for local colleges during the season. In addition, the Supersonics sell the standard large group discount of \$1 off each ticket for groups of 25 or more.

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Housing task force

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He added, however, that the task force should confine itself only to the issue of housing and not to matters such as community-university relations. He said limiting issues would avoid a common tendency of committees to "do nothing a lot."

Kennedy recommended that any university-community problems should be taken up by a separate committee.

The university president also denied previous charges by council members that his administration has been irresponsible in allowing enrollment to increase without planning for adequate housing. Noting that Cal Poly is the only university in the state system to redirect students to other campuses, Kennedy said the university has had no growth for three years and plans no enrollment increases between now and 1982.

Kennedy concluded his remarks by saying he endorsed the task force proposal.

ASI vice-president Larry Robinson echoed Kennedy's

endorsement, commenting that he didn't care how the task force's membership was determined as long as the essential idea was approved. "And the sooner the better," he added.

Robinson said his main concern was for the task force to examine the more-than-three zoning ordinance. He said as many as 750 to 1000 students may otherwise be put out on the streets.

But Councilman Jorgensen said no action is being taken on the more-than-three zoning ordinance until proposed amendments to the zoning laws are given a public hearing on Feb. 22. That would appear to contradict reports from the city planning department

that letters have already been sent to landlords advising them to comply with the ordinance.

Not everyone at the hearing agreed with the idea of a task force. Homeowner Henry Alberts said the housing shortage is really the university administration's fault. He said students should petition the university to provide more housing.

As to the formation of a

task force, Albert said, "We cannot allow a dilution or changing of the law." Implying the task force would weaken zoning ordinances, Albert argued that it

shouldn't even "be conceived." Sylvia Drucker, a resident who has consistently supported enforcement of the more-than-three ordinance,

admitted the task force proposal sounded good, but she complained that the city still has not taken any measures to enforce the ordinance.

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